

**LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES**

DATE: October 17, 2016
PLACE: Lincoln Middle School
152 Jenckes Hill Road
Lincoln, RI 02865
7:05 PM Open Session

School Committee Members Present: Kristine Donabedian, Chair; Mary Anne Roll, Vice Chair;
John Carroll, Clerk; Tracey Cavanaugh, Staci Rapko-Bruckner, Julie Zito
Absent: John LaFleur

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent; Kimberly Dixon, Caroline Frey, Mark Gadbois,
Kevin McNamara, Armand Milazzo, Maryann Struble

Convene Into Open Session

- a. Consider and Vote on Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes
Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Carroll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.
- b. Notification to Public of Compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 & 5 as to Votes Taken
Chairwoman Donabedian reported there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Opening Ceremony

Right to be Heard – None.

I. Consent agenda

It was requested removing Teacher Appointments A-K from the consent agenda. There were no objections.

1. Salary Warrants
2. Expense Warrants
3. Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Textbooks
4. Home School Requests
 - a. Mr. and Mrs. Azevedo
 - b. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fortune
5. Out of State Field Trip Requests
6. Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

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| a. Mary Rubiano | From: | PT Teacher Assistant – Central |
| | Effective: | September 23, 2016 |
| b. Laurent Desrosiers | From: | Elementary Enrichment Coach (Spanish) |
| | Effective: | September 13, 2016 |
| c. Lisa Montanaro | From: | Part-Time Human Resources Assistant |
| | Effective: | September 23, 2016 |

Coaching Appointments

a. Michael Bedrossian	To:	Freshman Boys Basketball Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$2,321.00
b. Kenton Crooks	To:	Boys Basketball Head Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$4,767.00
c. Brian Grant	To:	Boys Indoor Track Asst. Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$2,671.00
d. Andrew Hallam	To:	Girls Basketball Head Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$4,767.00
e. Arthur Kelley	To:	Boys Basketball Assistant Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$3,192.00
f. Elizabeth Brennan	To:	Girls Indoor Track Assistant Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$2,671.00
g. Susan Carlson	To:	Girls Indoor Track Head Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$3,453.00
h. Thomas DiIorio	To:	Head Swim Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$3,453.00
i. Scott Eastwood	To:	Girls Basketball Assistant Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$3,192.00
j. John Menna	To:	Boys Indoor Track Head Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$3,453.00
k. Matthew Parenteau	To:	Assistant Swim Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$2,606.00
l. Garrett Riel	To:	Boys Hockey Head Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$4,766.00
m. Michael Tuorto	To:	Wrestling Head Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$4,766.00
n. Anthony Turchetta	To:	Wrestling Assistant Coach – High School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$3,136.00
o. Damian Perrotta	To:	Wrestling Coach – Middle School
	Effective:	2016-17 Winter Sports Season
	Salary:	\$1,505.00

p. Zeb Lopes	To: Effective: Salary:	Girls Basketball Coach – Middle School 2016-17 Winter Sports Season \$1,505.00 (<i>Pending Certification</i>)
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7. Approval of Regular Session Minutes

a. September 12, 2016

8. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

a. September 12, 2016

Motion to approve the revised consent agenda by Zito. Seconded by Carroll. All in favor.

Motion carried 6-0.

Teacher Appointments

a. Laurent Desrosiers	To: Effective: Salary:	.4 French Teacher - High School September 14, 2016 M-30 11 th \$33,306.40
b. Kara Haddad	To: Effective: Salary:	Title 1 Before School Teacher - Northern October 24, 2016 – April 27, 2017 \$44/hour (grant funded)
c. Terry Hayden	To: Effective: Salary:	Title 1 Before School Teacher - Northern October 24, 2016 – April 27, 2017 \$44/hour (grant funded)
d. Cynthia Soares	To: Effective: Salary:	Title 1 Before School Teacher - Northern October 24, 2016 – April 27, 2017 \$44/hour (grant funded)
e. Colleen Buffery	To: Effective: Salary:	Title 1 Before School Teacher - Northern October 24, 2016 – April 27, 2017 \$44/hour (grant funded)
f. Alyssa Barone	To: Effective: Salary:	Title 1 Before School Teacher - Northern October 24, 2016 – April 27, 2017 \$44/hour (grant funded)
g. Margaret Rock	To: Effective: Salary:	Title 1 After School Teacher - Northern October 24, 2016 – April 27, 2017 \$44/hour (grant funded)
h. Susan McKenna-LaMontagne	To: Effective: Salary:	Title 1 After School Teacher - Northern October 24, 2016 – April 27, 2017 \$44/hour (grant funded)
i. Stacey Bouthillier	To: Effective: Salary:	Title 1 After School Teacher - Northern October 24, 2016 – April 27, 2017 \$44/hour (grant funded)
j. Kristen Bernier	To: Effective: Salary:	Title 1 After School Teacher - Northern October 24, 2016 – April 27, 2017 \$44/hour (grant funded)
k. Alyssa Barone	To: Effective: Salary:	Title 1 After School Teacher - Northern October 24, 2016 – April 27, 2017 \$44/hour (grant funded)

Mary Anne Roll commented that Teacher Appointments A-K are being assigned under Title I. Superintendent Fortunato stated they provide this service before school for grades 1 and 2 in ELA

and math. The focus will be on gaps. We can offer this now at Northern because it is a school wide Title I school.

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The Superintendent hopes this will be going district wide. Dr. Frey reported this is open to anyone at Northern, but is actually for those targeted for help. Title I does provide buses for after school, and in the morning.

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

II. Superintendent's Report

a. Lincoln High School Student Update

Principal McNamera introduced Jr. Class Vice President, Samuel Chiacchia. Sam talked about Spirit Week, stating he hoped his class would win. They are looking to raise as much money and food donations as possible. He stated this is a good way to give back. They are also trying to raise money for the Junior Prom, which will be at the Omni Hotel, to lower costs for students. They will have class colors day.

b. NECAP Science Presentation

Dr. Frey reported on the NECAP results. Changes have been made in the way questions are delivered and the content. Every school's scores went down, noting the Middle School is not proficient. She reviewed scores by school. The last NECAP assessment will be next spring. Dr. Frey stated they expect to start a pilot in 2018.

c. SAT Update

Principal McNamara reported the PSAT and SAT tests are a college board product. There are some key changes: words in context, essay analyzing, math and problems being grounded in real world context, analysis in science, history, social studies, US founding documents and great global conversations. There is no longer a penalty for guessing. They are looking to equal the playing field. The college board is working directly with the Khan Academy to provide free SAT resources and open share platforms. March results show RI is behind, but Lincoln is above those. There is still work to be done and they are starting to work with department chairs.

d. Lincoln Middle School Emergency Lighting Update

The Building and Grounds Director reported they had entered into a contract to save money by replacing light bulbs to LED, however a problem was found at the Middle School. Every fourth light has a ballast. They have two options: to replace 270 ballasts for approximately \$35,000 or replace 239 fixtures for approximately \$57,000, including labor. They will have to go out to bid. Millazzo stated there are no grants available. Superintendent Fortunato stated they are still researching this and they have been in contact with the Fire Marshal.

e. Vote to Approve BAYADA Contract

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

f. Vote to Approve CCRI Rental Agreement

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

The Superintendent noted there is a new President at CCRI and she will see if they can obtain a reduced rate based on their established partnership.

g. Approval of Unbudgeted 1:1 Teacher Assistant – Northern Elementary

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0. It was noted for the record this is recommended by an IEP.

h. Financial Report/Charter School Update

Superintendent Fortunato reported the Business Manager is still projecting a zero deficit, but there is a short fall of almost \$98,000 in state aid due to legislative change. Medical claim are running

close to last year with almost 31% spent. They are still waiting on Charter School bills from Foster/Glocester Regional and the Nowell Academy. The total enrollment is 250.

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III. Correspondence

a. Letter from Mr. Foster Regarding Northern Overheating Issue

The Chairwoman read the letter. Superintendent Fortunato reported that as soon as the issue came to their attention they had Armand Millazzo go to Northern immediately. Millazzo explained these are interior rooms and not used previously as regular classrooms. They attempted to put in air conditioners but couldn't effectively cool the rooms. They will have to go out to bid for a permanent solution. The affected classroom has been moved.

b. Letter from Mr. Leonard Requesting Waiver of Fees for St. Jude Basketball Program

Kristen Donabedian read the letter requesting the waiver for St. Jude Basketball Program.

c. Letter from Ms. Zamora Requesting Waiver of Fees for Chess Master Connections Program

Chairwoman Donabedian read the letter requesting the waiver for Chess Master Connections Program.

IV. Civic Use of Buildings

a. St. Jude Basketball Program, Practices & Games @ LMS

Mondays, Fridays, and Sundays - November 2016 to March 2017, Including Waiver

Motion to approve by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll.

Discussion ensued regarding the waiving of fees. Mary Anne Roll stated the purpose of the fee in the policy was primarily meant for Ferguson Field. She suggested treating all requests the same because it is hard to pick and choose and then review the policy in January. It was agreed they need a history from this year of what organizations rented and see what the costs were.

Motion to amend the motion to approve the request, including the waiver of building fees by Roll.

Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

All in favor of the amended motion. Motion carried 6-0.

b. Chess Master Connection Before School Program @ Central

11/3/16, 11/10/16, 11/17/16, 12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16, Including Waiver

Motion to approve the request by Chess Master, including waiving building fees. Seconded by Rapko-Bruckner.

Discussion ensued regarding fees with Stacy Rapko-Bruckner questioning "for profit" status and the wording of the policy. Mary Anne Roll noted it's not the fees, so much as the custodial fees.

On a roll call vote, the motion FAILED, 0-6.

V. New Business

a. Hearing on appeal of Superintendent's decision to deny Student Doe early admission to kindergarten; Consider and Vote on same

Motion to approve upholding the Superintendent's recommendation on appeal to deny Student Doe early admission to kindergarten. Seconded by Cavanaugh. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

b. Stage II Reno Update/Presentation

The Superintendent reported that Kristen Donabedian's presentation will be on Face Book and the website tomorrow. Donabedian gave an overview of the RIDE approval process that was given to the Town Council. She reported she, Julie Zito and Mary Anne Roll are members of the School Building Committee. This process is being followed to secure RIDE reimbursement and Lincoln is eligible for a 35% reimbursement of certain costs. Those costs are general construction, soft costs. Financing, legal fees, routine maintenance costs are not eligible for reimbursement. Stage 1

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Stage 2 must be done within one year of Stage 1. They are still looking at the consequences of the changes and the cost, and will submit Stage 2 in February 2017, with approval in June. There will be a workshop at Town Hall on October 27th at 7:00 PM and school committee members were encouraged to attend.

VI. Subcommittee Reports – None.

VII. School Committee Reports

Mary Anne Roll reported the Wellness Committee met on September 29th. They have added two students to look at recess and start times. They have decided to break into three work groups:

1. Nutrition – because it is mandated. 2. Sexual Help - They have a grant through RIDE to look at adolescent sexual health. There was a parent information night last year and another coming November 6th at the High School. 3. Mental Health Issue - November they will have the survey results and with some PTAs.

VIII. Community Comment

Fred Hoppe thanked the Superintendent for coming to the Middle School and spending quality time with them. He made a special call out to Charlotte for lending her administrative expertise. Parent and PTA Liaison, Pam Mazzenga, commented on not waiving fees for Chess Master. She stated her son participated in the program and it was an excellent enrichment program. She feels Chess Master will now cancel the program or pass on the cost to parents. Pam also expressed concern for the High School construction and suggested the committee include reports of what parents should expect. Julie Zito stated that is part of their discussion; it hasn't been talked about to parents because no decisions have been made.

IX. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:49 PM by Cavanaugh. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

JOHN CARROLL, CLERK

DATE